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NECROLOGY

DR. SETH G. SHANKS

Dr. S. G. Shanks, a member of the American Microscopical Society since 1900, died Nov. 5th, 1910. He was an expert and devoted microscopist, and gave much time to the preparation of microscopic slides. It is an interesting coincidence that the illustrations of Mr. E. W. Roberts' paper, published in this number, are photographs of sections made by Dr. Shanks.

Dr. Shanks was a student under Dr. James Armsby and graduated from the Albany Medical College in 1875, taking the prize for the best thesis. After a year of hospital work he entered upon private practice.

His acquaintances testify that he was a most charming companion, and, while he was of a very retiring disposition, he endeared himself to all those who came close to him.

Mrs. Shanks and their daughter survive him.

ROBERT BROWN

Mr. Robert Brown, of New Haven, Conn., a member of this Society since 1885, and a Life Member since 1903, Secretary Emeritus of the Yale Observatory, died June 11, 1911, at the home of his sister.

The cause of his death was gradual weakening of the heart. He was born March 8, 1836, in Cincinnati, Ohio, where his father was a business man who came to this country from Scotland in 1830. He prepared for college under Charles Mathews, principal of a private school in Cincinnati, but on account of ill health did not enter Yale until the third term of Freshman year. During Sophomore year he